ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ಹಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ಸರ್ವೆ, ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ಮುಂತಾದುವುಗಳ ತರದೂದು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ನಿರ್ಣಯದ ತತ್ವದ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ಸಂದೇಹವೂ ಪಡದೆ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಒಂದೇ ಭಾವನೆಯಿಂದ ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇನ್ನು ಈ ನಿರ್ಣಯವನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ವಾಪಸು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾನು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಎಂ. ಗೋವಿಂದರಾಜು.—ನಾನು ನನ್ನ ನಿರ್ಣಯವನ್ನು ವಾಪಸು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸಭೆಯ ಅನುಮತಿ ಬೇಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

The resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

Restraining Pawn-brokers from receiving articles to prevent thefts.

Sri R. MUNISWAMIAH (Bangalore North—Scheduled Castes).—Sir, I move:

> "This Assembly is of the opinion that pawn-brokers be restrained from receiving on pawn clothes, vessels and cycles from the public with a view to putting an end to the increasing thefts."

I do not want to make a speech.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Resolution moved:

> "This Assembly is of the opinion that pawn-brokers be restrained from receiving on pawn clothes, vessels and cycles from the public with a view to putting an end to the increasing thefts."

***Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN** (Ulsoor).—It is only just to show my feelings against the pawn-brokers and my eagerness to see that the havoc caused by them is put an end to, that I wish to speak a few words. Mr. Speaker, Sir, we come across so many pawn-brokers, specially in famine areas and in places where the Harijan people are located. It is only Harijan people who are mostly victims of this kind of people. The pawn-brokers receive clothes, or anything the people have. I would have appreciated the mover if he had included in the resolution all the articles, jewels and everything the public have. Daily they earn little wages They may not have any money with them and, out of dire need, they approach pawn-brokers for little loans and these pawn-brokers not only take clothes, vessels and other articles from them, but they also charge abnormal rates of interest and when the person comes back to repay the loan and redeem the article, he finds that he has to pay sometimes double or treble the sum taken by him, in the shape of interest and other things and naturally he finds it impossible to recover the article from the pawn-broker and leaves it as it is and goes back empty-handed. Such instances we are seeing daily in cities and rural parts. So I request the Members of this House to be good enough to support the resolution that the activities of the pawn-brokers be put an end to.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—Sir, there are many good ideas in the world. The misfortune is only that all these cannot be implemented. This is one such idea. It is true that these pawn-brokers, specially in cities and towns, are doing some havoc. They are charging abnormal rate of interest and they are also a source of menace to society. But what are we to do is the question. Freedom of contract is a well-known principle of law, and whether we can abrogate this freedom of contract is the question. If that is to be done, we have to pass suitable legislation. Whether that legislation can be passed by this Assembly is itself in question. Because, law of contract, is an All India Law. It may be that the Parliament has to pass the law. Looking to the advantages and disadvantages of this law of contract which is based on the freedom of contract, I personally think that the advantages are far more than the disadvantages. If we restrict freedom of contract because of a few pawn-brokers it will be a hard case making a bad law. There are safeguards against these pawn-brokers. There is the Money

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Lenders Act where interest is restricted on secured loans to 9 per cent and on unsecured loans to 12 per cent. Therefore any man who is a victim of any pawn-broker can take advantage of that Act. Therefore, with this brief explanation, I think that it would be impracticable to implement the idea contained in this resolution by any enactment.

Sri R. MUNISWAMIAH —I beg leave of the House to withdraw the resolution.

The resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The House now stands adjourned *sine die.*

The House adjourned sine die *at One of the Clock on Saturday the 25th October 1952.*